s17 Geometric Series Exam (Practice v12)

Question 1

Consider the partial geometric series represented below with first term a = 552, common ratio $r = \left(\frac{7}{23}\right)^{1/10}$, and n = 10 terms.

$$S = 552 + 490.09 + 435.12 + 386.32 + 342.99 + 304.53 + 270.37 + 240.05 + 213.13 + 189.22$$

We can multiply both sides by r.

$$rS \ = \ 490.09 + 435.12 + 386.32 + 342.99 + 304.53 + 270.37 + 240.05 + 213.13 + 189.22 + 168$$

What is the value of S - rS?

Question 2

Consider the geometric series shown below, using ellipsis notation to indicate a continuation of the pattern without writing every term.

$$S = 5 + 5(3) + 5(3)^{2} + 5(3)^{3} + \cdots + 5(3)^{53} + 5(3)^{54} + 5(3)^{55} + 5(3)^{56}$$

Identify the initial term, the common ratio, and the number of terms.

Question 3

Write a proof for the partial geometric series formula.

- a. Define the variables.
- b. Write the sum using variables and ellipsis notation. You can implicitly assume the number of terms is more than the number of terms you choose to write.
- c. Using annotated algebraic manipulation, produce the partial geometric series formula.